

Correspondence.

COLLEGE OPENING.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have a few more items touching the College, which I cannot forbear sending to you for the pages of the *Independent*.

The second Sunday of October was duly observed by the Church here, in the manner recommended by the Annual Meeting of the Subscribers. In the prayers of the public services place and prominence were given to the College and those engaged in its management; and, at the close of the evening service, a special meeting for prayer was held, which was largely attended, by members of the church especially. Doubtless, the recommendation was complied with in many other places; let us hope for good and large results.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 12th, the twenty-sixth Session of the College was opened, according to the announcement in your last number. The service was held in Zion Church; wherein, notwithstanding the bad weather, a goodly audience assembled, both of members of the church and of the congregation. Dr. Wilkes presided, under whom the programme of the service was carried out. The addresses by Messrs. Elliot and Duff were of a practical and interesting character and were listened to with much attention. Of these I send you abstracts, in the hope that you will be able to give them space in this number. Dr. Lillie concluded the service with an address, rather to the people, in which he, in an affectionate and appropriate manner, dwelt upon the past history of the College in Toronto, and also bespoke for it all sympathy and help from those in whose midst it is now placed.

The work of the College is now regularly going on, in both its Departments, with great diligence and regularity, I am happy to say, on the part of the Students. Two preaching-stations in the city are supplied on Sunday evenings by the Students in conjunction with a few other gentlemen. A formal application has been made to the Corporation of the McGill University for the affiliation therewith of the College. There is no reason to doubt that the application will be received and the affiliation consummated.

I remain, faithfully yours,

MONTREAL, October 24, 1864.

GEORGE CORNISH.

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FIRST ADDRESS—BY REV. J. ELLIOT.

Subject—The elementary character of preparation, during College life, for the Christian Ministry, which was dealt with in the following order:—

The cultivation of Elementary Religious Principles,
The formation and confirmation of Elementary Habits,
And the pursuit of Elementary Studies.

The great vital principles of devotedness and trust, elementary in the new life, spreading their influence through the soul, and having to do with all its other qualities, were specially considered: and reference was made to the striking way in which their cultivation conjointly was enjoined by the Great Teacher: "When I sent you without purse and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing!"